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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 5 and 7-8 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 5, on line 10, "that" should be deleted.

In claim 7, line 2, "claim 5" should apparently be "claim 6".

Claim 8 depends from claim 1, now canceled.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "a mounting frame" in lines 11-12. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Perhaps "with a mounting frame for a backward-facing baby seat" (lines 11-12) should be "wherein".

Claim 6 recites the limitation "the released or latched condition" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "the handle" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

In claim 8, line 4, the phrase “and/or” is confusing and unclear as to what specifically the applicant intends to recite. Perhaps “at least one of the vehicle frame and the vehicle seat” should instead be recited.

Claim 8 recites the limitation "a mounting frame" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Additionally this claim depends from canceled claim 1.

Claim 9 recites the following limitations: " latch elements " in line 18, “the locking position” in lines 19-20, and “the latch elements” in line 21. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 10 recites the limitations "it" in line 3, “a freeing position” in line 8, “a latched position” in line 9, “its freeing position” in line 15, and “its latched position” in lines 15-16. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 11 recites the limitations “upwardly flared slots” in line 4, “the slots” in line 8, and “the latch elements” in lines 8-9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "the baby-seat front edge” in line 3 and “the car seat” in line 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 14 recites the limitation "the latch pin” in lines 7 and 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 15 recites the limitation "their blocking position” in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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Claim 16 recites the limitations “the handle” in line 5, “the latched position” in line 5, and “the mounting elements” in lines 5-6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

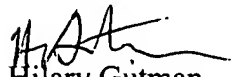
6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hilary Gutman whose telephone number is 571-272-6662.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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